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RFP 17/18-40011

TO: PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

RE: WALKER PRESERVE RESTORATION AND MONITORING DESIGN BUILD PROJECT

ADDENDUM NO. 2

This is **Addendum No. 2** to the City of Santee Request for Bids for **WALKER PRESERVE RESTORATION AND MONITORING DESIGN BUILD PROJECT** per RFB/P 17/18-40011 dated November 1, 2017. This Addendum forms an essential part of the Contract Documents by revising the specifications with the following additional information (questions and answers), changes, additions and/or deletions.

QUESTIONS

1. We will be meeting the bid guarantee requirement with a cashier's check. We typically submit with bid bond; however, our bonding firm has requested an updated notarized document and unfortunately our bond indemnitor is currently out of the county until the November 17th. This is very close to the proposal deadline and I anticipate that our bonding firm will need a few days after to produce the bid bond. Would it be possible to exchange the cashier's check for the bid bond once we receive the bid bond?

Response: The bid security presented at the time of the bid must remain in place as set forth in the bid documents, which is until the contract is awarded and/or the bid is rejected. The City is unable to release one form of security in exchange for another security prior to that time. Otherwise, there may be a risk to the City because it would be a bond executed after bids were due.

2. Upon contract award, will an annual renewable bond be acceptable in place of a 5-year bond?

Response: The bonds for this project must be on the forms included with the RFP and may not be modified. The successful firm will be expected to provide one payment bond and one performance bond on the forms provided in the RFP. In accordance with California law, performance and payment bonds expire by operation of law.

3. In regards to the Required CRAM assessments, are we allowed to adapt it and only use the applicable parts for the upland areas for comparison of plant performance rather than riverine function? Typically the areas that are being requested fall outside of normal Assessment Area per CRAM Riverine module guidelines. For example there will be no Hydrology Attribute since we are above the bank full point and working in an upland zone.

Response: The contractor is free to use any reference areas deemed to be necessary for a full and complete CRAM. The City is primarily concerned with conditions within the restoration site, which is primarily upland. You may adapt the CRAM assessment to fit the applicable habitats within the project area.

4. For the evidence requirement for CRAM training will a print out from the CRAM wetlands.org website of trained practitioners be acceptable?

Response: Yes.

5. For the Design Professional - of – record will a licensed Landscape Architect be acceptable?

Response: The RFP states that any “appropriately licensed architectural and/or engineering professional” may act as Design Professional of Record.

6. Can a licensed Professional Geologist serve as the Design Professional of record?

Response: The RFP states that any “appropriately licensed architectural and/or engineering professional” may act as Design Professional of Record.

7. Since the project now requires Prevailing wages, does the city have additional funds to cover the increased cost that will result? The original budget was relisted in the bid- yet cost will be increased due to the new prevailing wage requirement.

Response: The project is funded by a state grant, which requires prevailing wages. The city has not allocated any funds beyond the state grant amount for this project.

8. Is there an estimated quantity of the “low-tech erosion control improvements” that is required?

Response: The quantity of low-tech erosion control improvements is determined by the contractor as part of the project design.

9. Will rock and gravel filled drainages/trenches be sufficient?

Response: The type and extent of the low-tech erosion control measures is determined by the contractor as part of the project design.

10. Will any geo-tech engineering be required?

Response: The extent of geo-tech engineering necessary for the project depends on the contractor's project design. However, we anticipate that soils testing will be a necessary component of the restoration plan.

11. What were the bid results of the last bid?

Response : There were none. All proposals were rejected by the City.

12. Are there existing permits relevant to this project?

Response: The City filed a Notice of Exemption on July 19, 2017 at the County Recorder's Office

13. Will the Weed Management and Habitat Restoration need to be approved by any entities outside of the City of Santee?


Response: The City is not aware of any agencies outside the City that must approve the weed management or habitat restoration. However, the San Diego River Conservancy, a state agency, has the right to inspect and monitor the project and provide the city with feedback.

14. Can you confirm that 80% native cover by year 5 is the only success criteria currently required?

Response: The criteria stated above was the project goal proposed by the City's in its grant application to the state. The grant application said: "The goal of the restoration effort will be to obtain a minimum of 80 percent cover from native species and less than 5 percent cover from non-native species."

The City's grant agreement with the state contains the following overall goals:
"The primary goal of the project is to create and enhance habitat for riparian wildlife species and to lessen the deleterious effects of high storm water flows by installing bioswales, wattles and other bioengineering methods. Another goal is to reduce adverse biological and water quality impacts from off-trail activities by blocking unauthorized side trails."

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Rodgers", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Cc: Contract File